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(02.05-61)

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1. ON MAY 5 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER ON SUBJECT PROJECT
I. V. NIKONOROV TO R. V. MILLER. INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL
POUCHED TO SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 3584672.

2. DEAR DR. MILLER: I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR LETTER OF
MARCH 27. SOVIET SPECIALISTS G. A. FEDOSEYEV AND V. N.
MINYEV CAN NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE
CRUISE OF THE SURVEYOR BECAUSE OF OTHER BUSINESS AND THEY
PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND HALF OF
THE CRUISE, WHICH BEGINS ON MAY 22. IT IS PROPOSED THAT
THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS LEAVE MOSCOW FOR NEW YORK
ON MAY 19, HAVING IN HAND TICKETS FOR THE ROUTE NEW
YORK, ANCHORAGE, KODIAK, AND RETURN ANCHORAGE,
FAIRBANKS, SEATTLE, NEW YORK, MOSCOW. FEDOSEYEV
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AND MINYEV WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEYOR'S CRUISE,
AND AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CRUISE WILL MEET WITH
AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN FAIRBANKS AND SEATTLE AND ON JUNE
23 RETURN TO MOSCOW FROM NEW YORK.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE SOVIET SIDE CAN TAKE AMERICAN
SPECIALISTS ON BOARD THE SOVIET SHIP ZUBAREVO AT THE ROAD-

STEAD OF POINT BARROW AUGUST 4-6 AND LAND THEM AT THE
END OF THE MONTH AFTER THE COMPLETION OF SCIENTIFIC WORK
AT THE SETTLEMENT GAMBELL ON ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND. PLEASE
TELL US WHETHER THESE DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE JOINT
EXPEDITION ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WHICH OF YOUR SPECIALISTS
WILL PARTICIPATE IN IT. THE SOVIET SIDE WILL FORWARD IN
THE ESTABLISHED FASHION AN APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A
SCIENTIFIC CRUISE ON MARINE MAMMALS WITHIN THE FISHERIES
CONSERVATION ZONE OF THE USA AND PORT CALL CLEARANCE FOR
TAKING AND LANDING THE US SPECIALISTS. I WILL INFORM YOU
IN A LATER COMMUNICATION WHEN THE APPLICATION IS SENT.
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MARINE
MAMMALS (02.05-61) WILL TAKE PLACE IN ULAN UDE JULY 2-12
AND THEN IT IS PLANNED TO VISIT LAKE BAIKAL AND THE
LIMNINOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN
THE SETTLEMENT LISTVENICHNOE. YOUR DELEGATION OF SIX
INDIVIDUALS SHOULD RESERVE AIR TICKETS FOR THE ROUTE
MOSCOW-ULAN UDE AND RETURN IRKUSK, MOSCOW, NEW YORK,
AND SHOULD HAVE VISAS VALID FOR JULY 1-14, 1978.

3. KAZAKOV CONFIRMED THAT AFTER THE MEETING IN ULAN UDE
THE US DELEGATION WILL BE TAKEN TO OBSERVE THE BAIKAL
SEAL IN LAKE BAIKAL. HOWEVER, KAZAKOV DID NOT MENTION
POSSIBILITY OF VISITING SOVIET RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN
MAGADAN AND VLADIVOSTOK, AS US PROJECT LEADER HAS
REQUESTED. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US PROJECT LEADER SEND
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A FOLLOW-UP LETTER REPEATING THE REQUEST TO VISIT MARINE
MAMMAL RESEARCH FACILITIES IN MAGADAN AND
VLADIVOSTOK IF IT IS STILL DESIRED, TO SUPPORT EFFORT
TO ARRANGE VISIT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SOVIET PROJECT
LEADER ZEMSKIY IS CURRENTLY MAKING (REF D). TOON

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